

## RELIEF ASSISTANCE

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July 18 and December 22, 1952<sup>2</sup>*

63 Stat. 2359; Treaties and Other  
International Acts Series 1898

### AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE FOR DUTY-FREE ENTRY AND FREE INLAND TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES AND PACKAGES FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO GREECE

Pursuant to the Economic Cooperation Agreement between the Governments of the United States of America and Greece, signed on July 2, 1948,<sup>3</sup> the Governments of the United States and of Greece agree as follows:

1. The Government of Greece shall accord duty-free entry into Greece of:
  - a) Supplies of relief goods or standard packs donated to or purchased by United States voluntary non-profit relief agencies qualified under Economic Cooperation Administration (hereinafter referred to as ECA) regulations and consigned to such charitable organizations (including Greek branches of these agencies), as have been or hereafter shall be approved by the Government of Greece.
  - b) Relief packages originating in the United States and sent by parcel post or other commercial channels addressed to an individual residing in Greece, whether privately packed or by order placed with a commercial firm.
  - c) Standard packs put up by United States voluntary non-profit relief agencies, or their approved agents, qualified under ECA regulations, to the order of individuals in the United States and sent for delivery addressed to individuals residing in Greece.

2. For the purpose of this agreement, the term "relief goods" (sub-paragraph (a) above) shall not include tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, or alcoholic liquors; "relief packages" (sub-paragraph (b) above) shall include only

<sup>1</sup> 3 UST 4282; TIAS 2574.

<sup>2</sup> 3 UST 5327; TIAS 2737.

<sup>3</sup> TIAS 1786, *ante*, p. 431.

such goods as are qualified for ocean freight subsidy under the ECA Act and regulations issued by the Administrator thereunder; and "standard packs" (sub-paragraph (c) above) shall contain only such articles which qualify under ECA regulations and are approved by the Government of Greece.

3. Transportation charges (as defined in paragraph 5 of Article IV of the Economic Cooperation Agreement) in Greece on "relief goods", "relief packages", and "standard packs", all as defined in paragraph 1 above, shall be defrayed as follows:

a) The amount of such charges for all such shipments which are sent by United States parcel post addressed to individuals in Greece will be computed by the Greek postal service in the manner now or hereafter provided by the applicable agreements, rules and regulations of the International Postal System. Such charges shall be reimbursed to the Greek postal service out of the special account provided for in Article IV of the Economic Cooperation Agreement between the Governments of the United States of America and Greece (hereinafter referred to as the "Special Account"); and no claim for such charges will be made against the United States.

b) With respect to such shipments as are originally despatched from the United States by any regularly established commercial channels and forwarded in Greece by an approved agent of the shipper to the addressee by Greek parcel post, such items shall be accepted by the Greek postal service without payment of postal charges by such agent. The Government of Greece shall be reimbursed for such parcel post charges out of the special account upon presentation of adequate documentation.

c) With respect to such shipments as are originally despatched from the United States by any commercial channel and forwarded in Greece by an approved agent of the shipper to the addressee by Greek common carrier or contract carrier, such items shall be accepted by such Greek carrier with or without payment of charges therefor by such agent. Greece shall reimburse such agent or Greek carrier, as the case may be, out of the special account upon presentation of adequate documentation.

d) With respect to any such charges which may be incurred by an agent of a shipper under sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) above, other than parcel post charges and carrier charges, such approved agent shall be reimbursed by the Government of Greece out of the special account upon presentation of adequate documentation.

4. The Government of Greece shall make payments out of the special account for the purpose mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of paragraph 3 above, and shall submit to the ECA Mission in Greece with a copy to the Controller of the ECA in Washington, monthly statements of the amounts so expended in a form mutually satisfactory to the Government of Greece and the ECA Mission; *provided*, that each such statement shall

show at least the total weight carried and the charges therefor, and adjustments shall be made to said fund if shown by ECA audit to be required.

5. This arrangement shall come into effect immediately and shall remain in force, subject to such prior termination or modification as may be agreed upon between the competent authorities of the Governments of the United States of America and Greece, for the same period as the said Agreement of July 2, 1948.

6. There is attached hereto and made part hereof an Annex respecting the terms on which relief packages and packs, as defined herein, shall be received and distributed in Greece.

7. The English text of this Agreement shall be the official text.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the Agreement to be executed in English and in Greek by their duly authorized representatives, on the *ninth* day of *February* 1949

For the Government of the United States of America:

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*Ambassador of the United States  
of America*

For the Government of Greece:

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*Minister for Foreign Affairs*

ANNEX TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE FOR FREE ENTRY AND FREE INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES AND PACKAGES FROM THE UNITED STATES TO GREECE

The purpose of this annex is to establish procedures for the orderly receipt, transportation and delivery of the relief supplies, packages and standard packs referred to in the Agreement between the Governments of the United States of America and of Greece, into which this is incorporated.

The Government of Greece and the ECA Mission will make jointly, and by common accord, a more detailed definition as to the qualification of imported goods as relief items, but always within the framework of general ECA definitions.

ARTICLE I

1. The Government of Greece and the ECA Mission will consult with respect to measures to safeguard the proper delivery and use of relief supplies being transmitted to Greece from individuals and approved relief organizations in the United States. Provisions of this Agreement will apply whether the relief packages or supplies are being consigned directly to an individual in

Greece by an individual or an approved organization in the United States, or whether they are being delivered to an individual in Greece by Greek branch office of Voluntary Relief Agencies certified by the ECA Advisory Committee and approved by the Greek Government.

2. An individual who is to be the recipient of a relief package will in accordance with the requirements of the Government of Greece, submit a responsible statement duly legalized by an appropriate Greek State Authority or Service, before delivery of the package will be made to him that:

- a) He is the actual person named as the recipient. He will provide suitable identification, if required;
- b) The relief packages or packs in question will be used exclusively by himself and his family; and
- c) The supplies in question will not be resold or delivered for resale and that no other disposition except personal use or consumption will be made of them.

No other test shall be required to entitle the recipient to the delivery of a relief package or pack.

#### ARTICLE II

No person may, in any calendar year, receive more than thirty-six relief packages or packs, as defined herein.

These packages and packs shall be of a maximum weight per package as shall be established by the Greek postal authorities; *provided* that nothing herein shall be construed to forbid an approved American Relief Agency from receiving an unlimited number of such packages or packs; and *provided*, further, that nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit the number of packages or packs that may be received by an individual engaged in charity or philanthropic works in Greece for distribution to needy persons if such individual has the approval of the Government of Greece for such distribution work.

#### ARTICLE III

The ECA Mission will transmit to the Government of Greece a list of the American Voluntary Relief Agencies approved by the ECA Advisory Committee in Washington, for operations in Greece under Section 117 (C) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1948.<sup>4</sup> The Government of Greece will thereupon decide whether to approve such organizations for the receipt and distribution of relief packages within Greece, and shall notify the Chief, ECA Mission of such decision.

#### ARTICLE IV

The Government of Greece shall reimburse the approved American Voluntary Relief Agencies out of the special account for all costs incident to the

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<sup>4</sup> 62 Stat. 153.

transportation of relief supplies in Greece. The term "transportation", as used in this Article, shall be deemed to include, but not by way of limitation, receipt, storage and delivery.

#### ARTICLE V

Reimbursements to American Voluntary Relief Agencies, referred to in Article IV, *supra*, to the Greek Postal Service and any other transportation or delivery facility referred to in the Agreement, shall be retroactive to July 2, 1948; *provided*, however, that such Agencies, Services or Facilities shall have presented documentary evidence of the payment of transportation charges, showing in each case the dates, quantities and sums involved.

#### ARTICLE VI

No reimbursement for transportation costs, whether retroactive or prospective, shall be made by the Government of Greece out of the special account, to any Agency, Service or Facility on account of transportation costs incurred in the distribution of relief supplies without the prior approval of the person designated by the Chief, ECA Mission for the purpose.